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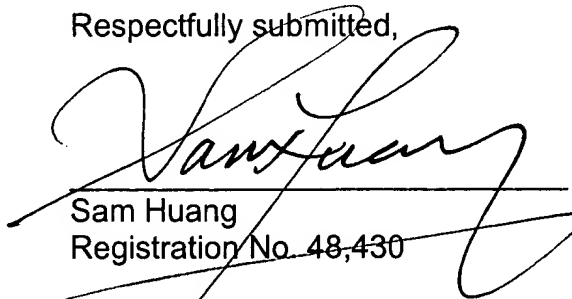
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Sir:

The undersigned attorney respectfully requests the status of the above-identified application. A Petition for Extension of Time (3 months), an Amendment, Notice of Appeal and required fees were filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on May 20, 2004. Applicants have not yet received an Office Action and inquire as to the status of the above-referenced patent application.

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